

***THIS STUDY NO LONGER RECRUITING***

**Name of Study:** The Simons Simplex Collection

**Location:** The University of Washington Autism Center

**Eligibility Criteria:** Your family can participate if you have only one child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) age four or older, additional child(ren) without ASD age four or older, and both biological parents are willing to participate.

**Principle Investigator:** Dr. Raphael Bernier, Ph.D.

**Contact Information:** Emily Champoux, Intake Coordinator; phone: (800) 994-9701

Dear Parent,

The Simons Simplex Collection study is looking at families with just one child with autism, called simplex families, which will provide insight into the most common and unexplained form of autism. Sponsored by the Simons Foundation, The University of Washington is one of **13** centers around the U.S. and Canada that are recruiting families to participate. The Simons Foundation provides support to researchers studying ASD. For additional information about the Simons Foundation, see [www.simonsfoundation.org](http://www.simonsfoundation.org).

For this study, we are recruiting families who have:

- one child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), age four or older,
- an additional child(ren) without ASD, age four or older, and
- both biological parents who are willing to participate.

Participation in the study includes two phone calls, completion of several questionnaires, and a visit to the UW Autism Center. The visit will include diagnostic, cognitive, and language assessments for your child with an ASD and interviews with one parent. Additionally, we will collect photos, measurements, and a blood sample from your children and both parents. You may feel some pain associated with having blood drawn through a vein. You may experience discomfort, bruising, and/or other bleeding at the site where the needle is inserted. Sometimes people get dizzy or feel faint when their blood is drawn. Blood draws are completed by trained phlebotomists at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Your child with an ASD will receive a free behavioral assessment and a written report regarding their assessment results. For completing the phone calls, questionnaires, and visit, families will be provided an honorarium as a thank you for their contribution. Families consisting of four participating members will be provided with an honorarium of \$250, and families consisting of three participating members will be provided with an honorarium of \$200. Families will also be making an important scientific contribution.

If you are interested in participating, please contact our Intake Coordinator, Emily Champoux, at (800) 994-9701 or email us at [ddrinfo@u.washington.edu](mailto:ddrinfo@u.washington.edu).

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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